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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth R. Owens, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2666
Confirmation No.: 6112

Examiner: Warner Wong

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING

MPLS NETWORK FAILURES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S FINAL ACTION

In response to the Final Action mailed February 16, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments thereto and/or the comments set forth below.